

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed June 24, 2005, claims 1-15 were rejected. New claims 16-20 have been added. As such, claims 1-20 remain pending.

Support for the amendments is found in the specification, and no new matter has been added. Applicants have thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action, including the Examiner's remarks and the references cited therein. The following remarks and amendments are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action. All the pending claims at issue are believed to be patentable over the cited references. Thus, in view of the following remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection are respectfully requested.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action rejected claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. In light of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are allowable.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for allowing an interview on October 4, 2005 to discuss the disclosure of the as-filed specification. In the interview, Applicants' representatives pointed out that, as shown and described, the first ball 77 moves with the pedal unit and the second ball 86 is fixed, and the transfer arm 16 pivots on the pin 50 mounted on the carrier. Thus, it is believed that the as-filed specification complies with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, be removed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request all the objections and rejections to the specification and claims be removed. If, for any reason, the Examiner disagrees, please call the undersigned attorney at 202-861-1567 in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding before issuing another action. The undersigned attorney is confident that any issue which might remain can readily be worked out by telephone.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036 with reference to Attorney Docket No. 59603.21582.

Respectfully submitted,

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